GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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HIKE IN CEMENT PRICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cement manufacturers have squeezed supplies by as much as 40-50%;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such move by manufacturers is to maintain the high prices of cement in the country;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the manufacturers found responsible therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No Sir. The production and despatches of cement have been increasing every year. The production of cement by large plants in 2006-07 stood at 155.66 million tonne registering a growth of 9.77% over the production in the previous year. The capacity utilization in the Cement Industry was 94% during 2006-07 and 98% during first quarter of this year.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.